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Good morning,

My name is Samantha Hinds and I live and vote in New Orleans, Louisiana. I am writing to you today to ask that you work to create fair and equitable maps when redistricting Louisiana. We, the people of Louisiana, want districts that are drawn to geographically reflect populations with similar regional interests and we absolutely do not want the voices of minority populations to be diluted.

The lack of equal representation has far reaching consequences in our politics, communities, economy, and in our society as a whole. Many of our communities, in particular our communities of color are not being fairly heard or represented at this time and it would be a crime to let this occur for another ten years. For example, Louisiana's population is roughly 32% African American and yet only 1 of our 6 congressional seats is majority-minority. So I ask, who exactly is being represented here? It is most certainly not the interests of the people of the state.

The constituents of Louisiana are watching to hold all accountable and it is your job to create a fair and representative map of our population. It is your turn to do the right thing and if you decide against that we will be sure to put people in place who WILL listen to the people they represent.

Thank you for your attention at this time and I too will be paying close attention to the choices being made.